Sale of hazardous chemicals in Delhi

†4426. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether hazardous chemicals being used in manufacturing explosives on the large scale are being sold in Delhi unabatedly;

(b) whether Government propose to consider to ban/check the sale of these hazardous chemicals in view of attack on the Parliament; and

(c) if so, the details and time-frame thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Some chemicals which are essential for the day-to-day use can also be utilized for preparation of explosives. Delhi Police has sensitized its police personnel to keep a watch on the scale of such chemicals to ensure that these do not reach wrong hands.

Visit of Home Minister to Nepal

4427. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Home Minister visited Nepal to shape a joint Indo-Nepal strategy to curb terrorism in the region;

(b) if so, whether Nepal had also assured India that a details report on the ISI activities in the Himalayan Kingdom will be compiled by the Nepalese Government and shared with India; and

(c) if so, to what extent Nepal and India have agreed to curb the activities of Pakistani ISI and also agreed to have a joint action on terrorists in both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

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(b) and (c) Issues relating to terrorism and cross-border crimes were discussed during the recent visit of the Nepalese Prime Minister to India from March 20—25, 2002. The two Governments agreed to intensify their ongoing cooperation for combating terrorism and cross-border crimes, and to continue working closely with each other.

Pakistani nationals arrested in Delhi for non-possession of passport and visa

†4428. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Pak-nationals arrested in the capital city of Delhi and other parts of the country during the last five months on account of not possessing valid passport and visa; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to check entry of such foreign citizens/ nationals into Indian specially from the Nepalese border adjacent to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) While no Pak national was arrested in the Capital city of Delhi, a total number of 21 Pak nationals were arrested in other parts of the Country during the last five months for not possessing valid passport and visa.

(b) To check the entry of such foreign citizens/nationals into India specially from the Nepalese border adjacent to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar Government have adopted a well co-ordinated multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening of Border Management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of ISI by intelligence-based operations setting up of outposts of security forces and modernization and upgradation of Police and security forces with sophisticated weapons and communications system etc. Deployment of Special Service Bureau has also been undertaken along selected stretches of the Indo-Nepal Border. In addition, Home Secretary level talks between India and Nepal are held from time to time. Besides these, there is also a Joint Working Group with

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